You Are the Essential Piece

When you walk through our doors, you will become part of a tradition that places you at the center of learning. Your program is personalized, flexible, and comprehensive. Your professors will engage you, and challenge you, each day. And you’ll participate in a legal education defined by rigorous scholarship and passionate advocacy with a global perspective, where each student’s contribution is valued. I invite you to join us and to make your contribution at Cardozo.

AMY SUGIN,
ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
Welcome to the Master of Laws Program at Cardozo Law

The Cardozo community embraces a diverse group of international and domestic students with wide-ranging points of view, unique life experiences, and enriching cultural differences. Each student is essential to the conversation, which shapes and defines the education of others. You are the essential piece for learning at Cardozo.
Why Choose Cardozo Law?

“Our LL.M. program is designed to have a personal impact on the student, and the student, in turn, has many opportunities to have a personal impact on the school.”

DEAN MATTHEW DILLER
AN INTERVIEW WITH MATTHEW DILLER, DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW

Q: Why choose Cardozo for an LL.M.?
MD: What sets Cardozo apart is our superb faculty, our world-class academic programs, and our rich range of opportunities for putting theory into practice. Those elements, together with the high level of attention our students receive from our faculty, and the warm, close-knit student community we nurture, make Cardozo a special place to study.

Our approach to law is intellectually rigorous. We take our academic mission very seriously and believe law is not just a profession but a learned profession.

And of course, there is our setting. New York is the center for legal communities focused on business and finance, intellectual property, international law... it's all right here. There are other cities that specialize in each of these things, but no other city brings them all together. The legal community in New York is truly one of the most dynamic and wide ranging in the world. New York is a fascinating place to live and study for a year. And there's nothing quite like our neighborhood—Greenwich Village.

Q: What distinguishes the Cardozo learning environment?
MD: Students will discover that Cardozo's learning environment is quite different from any they've experienced. Cardozo provides opportunities to think hard about what justice means and how ideas of justice play out in today's complex world. That mission permeates everything we teach. Our classes are highly interactive; professors draw upon the students for analysis. And our LL.M.s are integrated with the wider Cardozo community, working alongside our J.D. students. That's an important social and learning feature for our LL.M. students.

Our faculty members look at the fundamentals of what they're teaching—and what they expect the students to learn—from a unique perspective. We focus on understanding the problems that law seeks to address. The current law is only one of several possible solutions to a problem and, over the span of a lawyer's career, that solution may change. Cardozo prepares its graduates to practice over the length of a career in which the substantive law will change all the time.

Q: Who pursues an LL.M at Cardozo?
MD: Students who really want a challenge, are curious, and value a serious education. They're not here just to pick up another credential at the end of the day. Our students want to understand how law and legal systems connect to and affect society at large.

Q: How does the LL.M. program enhance the Cardozo community?
MD: The program is great for our community on several levels. Our U.S. students are acutely aware that law is a globalized profession, and they're eager for contact with lawyers from other countries to learn about foreign legal systems. Our group of outstanding international lawyers pursuing LL.M. degrees here, and our accomplished visiting foreign law faculty, provide that. There's a tremendous amount of interchange of legal cultures that occurs within this building.

In addition, our LL.M. students really define their intellectual roles in the school based on their decision to study their particular areas of law at an advanced level. Our faculty thrives on the level of engagement and academic work that students seeking advanced degrees in law bring to the school. For Cardozo, it's a great synergy: our faculty brings students to the school and the LL.M. students are a significant attraction for our faculty.

Q: What's your advice for prospective LL.M. students?
MD: Find a school where you feel at home that can offer the level of academic experience you seek and deserve. Also, look at the potential for growth and learning beyond the classroom. I believe Cardozo is one of the best schools in the world for an LL.M. because we are able to offer an incredibly rich program of extracurricular speakers and conferences, service opportunities, and cultural events that make the most of the legal resources available in New York City. At Cardozo, LL.M.s can maximize their year of study to its fullest potential!
“Having an LL.M. gives you an added edge—especially in today’s economy. It gives you the opportunity to specialize in ways beyond what a J.D. or first law degree program can offer.”

LINLIN TIAN, UNITED STATES, LL.M. ’11
Flexibility

• Our 24-credit programs may be completed full-time in one year or part-time in up to three years.

• LL.M. students may enroll in either the fall or the spring term. Theoretical and practical components for a broad legal education and career advancement are offered year-round.

A Rich Experience

• LL.M. students are fully integrated with the law school community and attend classes with approximately 1,100 J.D. students from the United States and abroad.

• Our outstanding faculty actively engages in a dialogue with students both inside and outside the classroom.

• Introduction to U.S. Law, Fundamentals of New York Law, and Advanced Workshop in Legal Writing ensure that internationally trained lawyers are prepared for the U.S. legal world.

• LL.M. students enjoy targeted lectures, events, and specialized programs.

• Rich offerings of student-led law societies, outside speakers, panelists, conferences, and symposia expose LL.M. students to a broad variety of law-related issues and provide many opportunities to network with legal professionals.

• For international attorneys, completion of the LL.M. degree requirements may satisfy the eligibility requirements to sit for the New York State bar exam.

A Supportive Environment

• Cardozo’s LL.M. program is characterized by personal attention. Our LL.M. students are served by administrative staff focused on their special concerns.

• A career counselor dedicated to LL.M. students provides a range of traditional as well as innovative services and programs to facilitate career-planning efforts and maximize potential for employment.

• Cardozo’s worldwide network of alumni employed in large and small firms, corporations, government, and academia are available as mentors to provide networking opportunities and offer career guidance.
The Cardozo Advantage:
Your Program, Your Choice

Learning at Cardozo springs to life through the dynamic mix of an exciting N.Y.C. location, unparalleled academic and professional opportunities, a world-renowned faculty, and multitalented students bringing global perspectives to classroom settings. Defined by our core beliefs in rigorous scholarship and passionate advocacy, Cardozo works with you to help you reach your goals. You’ll choose from the rich array of courses and clinics that best match your interests and study and work alongside a stellar faculty—prolific, accessible, and defining the cutting edge of legal research and education. Your classmates, accomplished graduates of U.S. and international law schools, add to the daily dialogue and help broaden perspectives on dynamic legal issues. Each part of the Cardozo community adds a unique viewpoint to the legal landscape.

Each student is essential to our vision of a global legal education.
“We get a lot of opportunities to learn from each other in our day-to-day activities, classes, and school events. The LL.M.s make a very diverse and interesting group of people with different experiences from all around the world. This definitely makes class discussions very interesting.”

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR
VYTE DANILEVICIUTE, LITHUANIA, LL.M. ‘10
The Cardozo Advantage:
Learning in the Classroom

At Cardozo, we offer LL.M. degrees in:
Comparative Legal Thought
Dispute Resolution and Advocacy
General Studies with optional concentrations in:
  —Alternative Dispute Resolution
  —Corporate, Commercial, and Securities Law
  —International and Comparative Law
  Intellectual Property
“The size of the LL.M. program at Cardozo was very attractive to me: not too big and not too small—with all the resources of a larger university. Since I was not lost within a huge group of LL.M. students, it was possible to meet and really get to know people from a variety of backgrounds. It was something I had hoped for, and Cardozo lived up to my expectations.”

NADER KARAMA, GERMANY, LL.M. ’11
“Marci Hamilton’s First Amendment class was the defining moment for me at Cardozo. It is a terrific example of how best to use the Socratic method. Thanks to her, I am inspired to raise awareness of the need for constitutional complaint in Indonesia. I hope someday it will be accommodated within the Indonesian legal system.”

SIGIT ARDIANTO, INDONESIA, LL.M. ’09
An Interdisciplinary Engagement with the Law:

**Comparative Legal Thought LL.M.**

Designed for students interested in an academic career and for lawyers with an interest in legal theory, Cardozo’s LL.M. in Comparative Legal Thought juxtaposes legal thought with philosophy, political science, economics, and other disciplines. With a comprehensive range of courses spanning jurisprudence, law and philosophy, critical legal studies, comparative constitutionalism, and law and literature, students and faculty wrestle with some of the most pressing cultural, philosophical, and theoretical legal questions of the day.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Curriculum:** No required curriculum. Internationally trained attorneys are required to complete coursework in Introduction to U.S. Law and two semesters of Advanced Workshop in Legal Research and Writing.

**Credits:** Of the 24 credits required for graduation, students must take at least 12 in-class credits in courses related to comparative legal thought, including constitutional law, legal theory, philosophy, religion, and other courses with a comparative or humanities-focused interdisciplinary approach.

**Thesis:** A thesis on a topic related to some aspect of comparative legal thought is required. Candidates interested in this program are advised to develop ideas for a thesis topic and identify a faculty member who might appropriately supervise it in advance.

**Jewish Law Concentration:** Cardozo has a unique strength in Jewish legal tradition, offering interested students the opportunity to complete a concentration in Jewish law.

**SELECTED COURSES**

The following is a sampling of the variety of courses available. For more information, visit cardozo.yu.edu/LLMAdmissions.

- Bioethics
- Civil Liberties
- Colloquium on Constitutionalism, Religion, and Politics
- Comparative Law
- Comparative Legal Theory
- Constitutional Decision Making
- Constitutional Law I
- Constitutional Law II
- Ethics in the Public Interest
- Family Law
- First Amendment
- Human Rights and Genocide Clinic
- Human Rights and the Holocaust
- International Criminal Law
- International Law
- Jewish Law
- Jurisprudence
- Law and Economics
- Law and Religion
- Race, Ethnicity, and the Law
- Theories of Evidence
- Theories of Punishment
Discover Multiple Ways to Settle Conflict:
Dispute Resolution and Advocacy LL.M.

The LL.M. in Dispute Resolution and Advocacy offers the opportunity for domestic and international lawyers to enhance their skills and develop their proficiencies in the fast-growing fields of advocacy and alternative dispute resolution. Through the prominent Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution and our wide variety of litigation training courses, this LL.M. program offers a unique choice of practical and theoretical training to develop an understanding of the role of the lawyer as a counselor, problem-solver, and advocate.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Curriculum:** Coursework in the five categories of dispute resolution-related knowledge and skills (arbitration, processes, mediation, interviewing and counseling, and negotiating); coursework in trial advocacy and practice; and participation in an externship, clinical, or practical program related to advocacy or conflict resolution.

**Credits:** Of the 24 credits required for graduation, 18 must be in-class credits.

**Writing Requirement:** Students must complete a paper focusing on a topic in conflict resolution through a course, thesis, or independent study.

**Experiential Learning:** Students must participate in an externship, clinical, or practical program related to advocacy or conflict resolution.

**J.D./LL.M. Joint Degree in Dispute Resolution and Advocacy:**
This joint degree program in dispute resolution and advocacy makes it possible for Cardozo J.D. students (and students earning a J.D. from another law school who visit Cardozo for two semesters) to receive both degrees in seven consecutive full-time semesters rather than the eight semesters that are normally required. Applications for the J.D./LL.M. joint degree should be submitted to the Office of Admissions during the fifth or sixth semester of a student’s J.D. studies.

**SELECTED COURSES**
The following courses are among those that may be of particular interest to students studying dispute resolution and advocacy. For more information, visit cardozo.yu.edu/LLMAdmissions.

- Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation Clinic
- Appellate Advocacy
- Civil Procedure
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Procedure II
- Criminal Trial Practice
- Discovery in Civil Actions
- Dispute Resolution Processes
- Divorce Mediation
- Divorce Mediation Clinic
- Domestic Commercial Arbitration
- Ethics for Social Justice Lawyers
- Ethics in Criminal Advocacy
- Ethics in Litigation
- Evidence
- Evidence, Advanced
- Fact Investigation
- Family Law Externship
- Federal Courts
- Holocaust Claims Restitution Practicum
- Human Rights and Genocide Clinic
- Immigration Law Externship
- Intensive Trial Advocacy Program
“Before I came to Cardozo, I worked for the European Commission to develop alternative dispute resolution techniques that embrace the theoretical milestones proposed by the American system and harmonize the practices more prevalent in Europe. I will take back not just the skills, but the experience and mindset necessary to connect with and assist the dispute-resolution community.”

GIULIO ZANOLLA, ITALY, LL.M. ’10
“It’s a real advantage for the LL.M. students to study side by side with J.D. students at Cardozo. You meet a lot of new people and are exposed to their perspectives during classes as well as in the law societies and in student-led groups on campus.”

CAROLINE CAMP, CANADA/ U.K., LL.M. ’10
Distinctive in its flexibility and breadth of offerings, this degree enables students to design their own curricula in keeping with their specific goals and interests. Many internationally trained attorneys who want a broad-based introduction to U.S. law and legal methodologies find the General Studies LL.M. especially useful, as do graduates of U.S. law schools seeking to develop a specialty in one or more areas of the law.

For international attorneys, fulfilling the LL.M. degree requirements may satisfy the eligibility requirements to sit for the New York State bar exam.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Curriculum:** No required curriculum. Internationally trained attorneys are required to complete coursework in Introduction to U.S. Law and two semesters of Advanced Workshop in Legal Research and Writing.

**Credits:** Minimum of 24 credits required for graduation.

**Thesis:** Optional.

**Concentration:** Optional concentrations offered in alternative dispute resolution; corporate, commercial, and securities law; and international and comparative law.

**Experiential Learning:** General Studies students are encouraged to pursue clinical and/or other practical experiences related to their areas of interest. In recent years, LL.M. students have participated in the Human Rights and Genocide, Tax, Mediation, and Family Court clinics; in the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program and Representation in Mediation trainings; and in the Heyman/ACCA In-House Counsel Externship and Immigration Law Clinic Externship programs.

**SELECTED COURSES**

The following is a sampling of the variety of courses available. For more information, visit cardozo.yu.edu/LLMAdmissions.

- Antitrust
- Civil Procedure
- Commercial Law
- Comparative Constitutionalism
- Comparative Law
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Copyright
- Corporate Finance
- Corporations
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
- European Union Law
- Evidence
- Family Court Clinic
- Family Law
- Holocaust Claims Restitution Practicum
- Immigration Law
- Immigration Law Clinic Externship
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Copyright
- International Criminal Law
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Law
- International Trade
- Labor and Employment Law Clinic
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- New York Practice
- Patent Law
- Property
- Securities Regulation
- Torts
- Trademark Law
Cardozo’s Intellectual Property (IP) program is consistently ranked among the top in the nation. Our full-time faculty, known worldwide for its expertise and scholarship, includes advisors to past and present presidents of the United States, former Supreme Court clerks, accomplished First Amendment scholars, and adjunct professors working on forward-looking issues in the field.

Cardozo’s IP course offerings are unsurpassed and include media and entertainment law, communications law, cyberlaw, sports law, and art law in addition to basic and advanced courses in each of the three major IP areas: copyright, trademark, and patent. The academic coursework is supplemented with groundbreaking and timely panels, lectures, symposia, fellowships, and the Cardozo/BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Curriculum:** Students are required to take basic courses in at least two of the three major IP areas (copyright, trademark, and patent law) in addition to advanced coursework in IP and related areas such as entertainment and media law, First Amendment law, and cyberlaw.

**Credits:** Candidates must take a minimum of 16 credits in IP coursework of the 24 credits required for graduation.

**Thesis:** Optional.

**Experiential Learning:** A limited number of IP externships are available to qualified LL.M. students during the second semester of study. Selected students are placed in part-time, nonpaying positions at law firms, corporations, or not-for-profit organizations, where they work on copyright, patent, or trademark issues.

**J.D./LL.M. Joint Degree in Intellectual Property Law:** This joint degree program in IP law makes it possible for Cardozo J.D. students (and students earning a J.D. from another law school who visit Cardozo for two semesters) to receive both degrees in seven consecutive full-time semesters rather than the eight semesters that are normally required. Applications for the J.D./LL.M. joint degree should be submitted to the Office of Admissions during the fifth or sixth semester of a student’s J.D. studies.

**SELECTED COURSES**
The following is a sampling of the variety of courses available. For more information, visit cardozo.yu.edu/LLMAdmissions.

- Antitrust and Intellectual Property
- Art Law
- Art Law, Advanced
- Biotech and Pharmaceutical Patents
- Comparative Copyright in the 21st Century
- Contract Drafting and Negotiation for Entertainment
- Copyright, Advanced
- Copyright in the Music Industry
- Entertainment and Media Law
- Federal Regulation of the Electronic Media
- First Amendment
- Intellectual Property Externship
- Intellectual Property in the European Union
- International Broadcasting
- International Trade and Intellectual Property
- International Trademark
- Internet Law I
- Internet Law II
- Patent, Advanced
- Patent Law Practice
- Patent Litigation
- Sports Law
- Technology Licensing Agreements
- Trademark Practice, Advanced
“What sets Cardozo apart is that its specialized IP program caters to multiple IP interests. If your interest is in patents, you can learn about bio-pharmaceuticals and technology transactions. If you’re interested in copyright and trademark, there are classes on entertainment and media law, sports, and antitrust. My exposure to these subcategories allowed me to find my passion and niche in IP law. The faculty has also been fantastic and more than encouraging of my academic and professional goals.”

MEG KILZY, UNITED STATES, LL.M. ’10
“I learned early in my studies just how different American intellectual property law is from the law as practiced in my home country of India, and how different societal conditions are connected to those laws. In my patent class at Cardozo, the major patent infringement cases I studied dealt with pharmaceutical companies. In India, the patent system does not discourage the manufacture and distribution of generic drugs as without them, the many poor people without insurance could not afford medicine. Cardozo’s IP program helped me make the transition from being a practicing Indian attorney to being an American law student. I felt the faculty took extra care to effectively communicate the legal concepts and convey a sense of the law as it is really practiced in the world.”  

SHILPA JANGAM, INDIA, LL.M. '10
Whether you come from around the block or around the world, you’ll find what you need to succeed at Cardozo…and beyond.

International LL.M. students have special opportunities to learn at Cardozo.

Cardozo has several courses specifically designed for international LL.M. students who do not hold a first law degree from a U.S. law school.

**Introduction to U.S. Law.** This two-credit course gives students a basic introduction to the U.S. legal system, including the federal system and the use of precedent and methods of analyzing case law. All international students take this course during their first semester of enrollment in the LL.M. program.

**Advanced Workshop in Legal Research & Writing — International.** This two-credit course focuses on case reading and analysis, basic language structure and writing skills, manual and computer-assisted research skills, analysis and writing, and forms of writing, including letter and memorandum writing. It is taught over two semesters, with one credit awarded for each semester.

**Fundamentals of New York Law.** This optional, two-credit course is highly recommended for any LL.M. student who intends to take the New York State bar exam upon graduation. It provides students with a review of U.S. legal doctrine, giving special attention to the laws of New York. The substantive subjects covered may include criminal law, criminal procedure, family law, real property, torts, UCC sales, and wills. Working with these subjects, students will hone skills required to identify legal issues, and analyze and write essays.

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**TAKING THE NEW YORK STATE BAR EXAMINATION**

An applicant with an international law degree who is interested in sitting for the New York State bar examination is required to contact the State Board of Law Examiners directly in order to have his or her law degree evaluated for duration and substance, and to receive confirmation of the U.S. legal coursework that will satisfy eligibility requirements for the bar exam.

Completion of Cardozo’s LL.M. program does not guarantee eligibility to sit for the bar exam, and our LL.M. program is not intended to be a bar-preparation program.

Cardozo School of Law makes no representation or assurance that students who complete the LL.M. program will qualify for the New York State bar exam or the bar examination of any other jurisdiction.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO CARDOZO LAW

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sonia Sotomayor

Cyrus Vance Jr., New York County district attorney

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Stephen Breyer

Alan Dershowitz, attorney

William F. Patry, senior copyright counsel at Google

Retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O’Connor

President Bill Clinton

Honorable Marcia Cooke, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

T. Boone Pickens, financier
1. Justin Hughes, Professor of Law | 2. Susan P. Crawford, Professor of Law | 3. Lela Love, Professor of Law, Director, Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution and the Cardozo Mediation Clinic | 4. Suzanne Last Stone, University Professor of Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, Professor of Law, and Director, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization | 5. Edward Stein, Vice Dean, Professor of Law, and Director, Program in Family Law, Policy, and Bioethics | 6. Leslie S. Newman, Professor of Law and Director of Lawyering Skills and Legal Writing | 7. Richard H. Welsberg, Walter Floersheimer Professor of Constitutional Law | 8. Felix Wu, Assistant Professor of Law | 9. Ecow N. Yankah, Associate Professor of Law | 10. Michel Rosenfeld, Justice Sydney L. Robins Professor of Human Rights and Director, Program on Global and Comparative Constitutional Theory | 11. Vijay Padmanabhan, Visiting Assistant Professor | 12. Anthony Sebok, Professor of Law
Experience the Cardozo Advantage:
Learning Beyond the Classroom

A Cardozo education is much more than classroom learning. A wide variety of opportunities for experiential learning, visiting speakers, and participation in student-run organizations means that your day at Cardozo extends far past your last class. Connections made through these expanded learning environments provide a network for support throughout your studies and beyond.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS
Cardozo’s experiential clinics are unmatched by any offered through other LL.M. programs. These distinctive opportunities help build the practical skills attorneys need in a variety of practice settings—in the public and private sectors, in the courtroom, and with future clients. In recent years LL.M. students have participated in the Holocaust Claims Restitution Practicum/Remedies for Wartime Confiscation, the Human Rights and Genocide Clinic, the Family Court Clinic, the Tax Clinic, and the Mediation Clinic, where they have performed multifaceted, hands-on legal work under the supervision of professors and/or practitioners experienced in the classroom, the courtroom, and the conference room.

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Through credit-bearing externships students can obtain credit for substantive legal work completed under the direct supervision of an attorney or judge at the work site. Programs available include the Heyman/ACCA In-House Counsel Externship, which introduces students to the practice of law in a corporate law department; the Immigration Law Clinic Externship, where students work for one semester on cases involving applications for political asylum and on such issues as permanent residence, change of status, and suspension of deportation; the Intellectual Property Externship, where selected students take an advanced intellectual property course and receive clinical credit for working 10 to 15 hours a week at a law firm or corporation specializing in related intellectual property issues; and the Public Sector Externship, wherein students find employment in one of the hundreds of not-for-profit organizations in the New York area. In addition, all LL.M. students also have access to Symplicity, an online job database where paid and unpaid non-credit externships are continually announced.

PRACTICAL SKILLS TRAINING, PRO BONO, AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Cardozo also offers its students the opportunity to hone legal skills in programs targeted to specific interests. Through volunteer work with the Unemployment Action Center, Cardozo Youth Advocates, and Cardozo Advocates for Battered Women, Cardozo students provide legal assistance to those who would not otherwise have received it. Through the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP), Representation in Mediation, and moot court competitions, including the annual Vis Moot Court held in Hong Kong and Vienna, a Cardozo education engages the students in a synergistic partnership with faculty to put theoretical concepts into practice.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA
Throughout the year, Cardozo hosts innumerable panels, conferences, symposia, colloquia, and outside speakers in order to expose our students to a world of legal topics. Noted scholars, prominent judges, attorneys, and government and business leaders address the Cardozo community, sharing global perspectives on hot-topic issues. Many of these events are organized by the more than 50 student-run clubs and organizations under the umbrella leadership of the Student Bar Association.
Experience the Cardozo Advantage:

Our Community

Each voice at Cardozo adds a new dimension to our community. Reflecting the combined accomplishments and aspirations of our faculty and students, the Law School is an organic and dynamic institution that exceeds the sum of its parts. We believe that bringing together an accomplished international student body, with diverse perspectives on issues and wide-ranging life experiences, is critically vital to learning at the Law School. Each individual adds to the education of all.

OUR FACULTY

Our internationally recognized faculty is forward-thinking in its approach to legal teaching. Well-published, dynamic, and experienced, our interdisciplinary faculty is curious and serious about how the law relates to other expressions of the human spirit such as philosophy, literature, economics, politics, and history. More than half hold advanced degrees in addition to a law degree; about a dozen hold Ph.D.s as well. They are dedicated to an educational collaboration with their students that results in interactive classroom conversations not only about the law as it exists, but also about the context in which the law is developed, and the possible alternatives that might also address the issues at hand.

Cardozo’s pool of talented adjunct professors is drawn from New York’s vibrant legal community. As leading members of the New York bar, they bring insights and practical experience into the classroom. They help Cardozo provide an extraordinarily rich upper-level curriculum that incorporates a variety of legal practice areas.

OUR STUDENTS

Each year, approximately 75 new LL.M. students join the Cardozo community. The intimate size of our entering LL.M. class permits exceptionally individualized attention from our outstanding faculty as well as from the assistant dean for graduate and international programs. Cardozo’s LL.M. students are graduates of accredited law schools across the United States and distinguished law faculties from around the world. They are fully integrated into the community and attend classes with over 1,100 new and continuing J.D. candidates hailing from the United States and abroad.

“The professors are so helpful and approachable and accessible. They encourage students to talk to them and contact them. Cardozo feels like home, where people know me as an individual and really care about me.”

VERONIKA PODLAHOVA,
CZECH REPUBLIC,
LL.M. ’10
A PARTIAL LIST OF LAW FACULTIES ATTENDED BY RECENT CARDOZO LL.M. STUDENTS

Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
Brooklyn Law School, USA
Buckingham University, United Kingdom
Cairo University, Egypt
Centro Universidade Newton Paiva, Brazil
Charles University, Czech Republic
Chinese University of Politics and Law, China
City University Faculty of Law, United Kingdom
Free International University of Moldova, Moldova
Freie Universität, Germany
Fudan University, China
Government Law College, India
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Interdisciplinary Center-Herzliya, Israel
Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey
Kyiv University of Law, Ukraine
Moscow State University, Russia
Nanjing University, China
National University of Ireland, Ireland
National University of Singapore, Singapore
New York Law School, USA
Northwestern University, USA
Pace University, USA
Seoul National University, Republic of Korea
Sofia University, Bulgaria
Sophia University, Japan
Syracuse University, USA
Tel Aviv University, Israel
Universidad Católica de Santa María, Peru
Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid
Universidad Del Rosario, Colombia
Universita Di Parma, Italy
Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia
Universität Bayreuth, Germany
Universität Tubingen, Germany
Universität Wien, Austria
Université de Lausanne, Switzerland
Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, Guyana
Université Panthéon-Sorbonne Paris 1, France
Université Paris II, France
Université Paris X Nanterre, France
Université Zürich, Switzerland
University of Athens, Greece
University of Bucharest, Romania
University of Denver, USA
University of Lagos, Nigeria
University of London, United Kingdom
University of Miami, USA
University of Miskolc, Hungary
University of Mumbai, India
University Nacional Autonoma, Mexico
University of Nairobi, Kenya
University of Nigeria, Nigeria
University of Ottawa, Canada
University of the Philippines, Philippines
University of Pittsburgh, USA
University of Puerto Rico
University of Pune, India
University of the West Indies, Jamaica
University of Tirana, Albania
University of Toronto, Canada
University of Warsaw, Poland
University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom
Uppsala University, Sweden
Vanderbilt University, USA
Vilnius University, Lithuania
Waseda University, Japan
Washington University, USA
Zhongnan University, China
Central to the LL.M. program are extra-curricular programs that help students acclimate to life at Cardozo and in New York City. Cardozo LL.M. students are warmly welcomed into Cardozo’s congenial community. They can use and enjoy the full range of the Law School’s resources and programming and are encouraged to join student organizations, participate in a variety of events, and contribute to shaping the life of the Law School.

The Office of Graduate and International Programs
In addition to using the services offered to the student community as a whole, LL.M. students benefit from individualized attention from the Office of Graduate and International Programs, which is devoted to LL.M. student needs. Special programs are scheduled for LL.M. students to foster collegiality and shared learning that can lead to lifelong friendships and professional contacts. These include lectures and discussions on various topics by members of the Cardozo faculty, alumni, members of the local bar, and other international and domestic professors, jurists, and practitioners; receptions at Cardozo and in the homes of various faculty members; and visits to places of interest for the LL.M. students. LL.M. students also participate in the Graduate Law Society, a student-run group under the auspices of the Student Bar Association.

The Office of Career Services
The seven counselors in the Office of Career Services (OCS), all of whom have spent time as practicing attorneys, provide assistance during all phases of students’ career development while at Cardozo and beyond. LL.M. students also benefit from the individualized service of a dedicated LL.M. advisor, who plans and executes programming specific to LL.M. students, including resume writing workshops; interviewing and networking skills training; and LL.M. alumni panels.

Our Alumni
The members of Cardozo’s alumni network, 10,000 strong, live and practice in 46 states and 40 countries. These alumni—both J.D. and LL.M.—provide advice, mentorship, and access to current students in the wide variety of fields in which they practice.

Experience the Cardozo Advantage:
Your Support Network

“My LL.M. from Cardozo’s top-tier IP program gave me a credibility lacking in most young attorneys and, together with my other education and experience, allowed me to compete successfully against more-experienced attorneys for the limited job opportunities available in this tough economy.”

HON. SALVATORE PHILIP DAVI,
UNITED STATES, LL.M. ’08
Experience the Cardozo Advantage:
Postgraduation and Beyond

A Cardozo LL.M. degree is an essential tool to further your professional career. Through the solid academic grounding and the practical training of our curriculum, the networks of students, and professionals with whom you will connect, and the support of Cardozo’s Office of Career Services, you will be uniquely positioned to pursue and attain your postgraduation goals.

CAREER SERVICES
The Office of Career Services (OCS) will assist you with all aspects of your employment goals from externship to practical opportunities, public service, and beyond. OCS also provides myriad opportunities to hear from and meet with practicing attorneys, including panel discussions; informal practice-profile lunches with Cardozo alumni to discuss their jobs and the career paths and job search strategies they have implemented; and Practice Area Expos, where students have an opportunity to network with large numbers of attorneys from individual practice areas in one evening. The following LL.M.-specific programming complements the services offered to the entire Cardozo student population:

• The LL.M. Career Services Manual, distributed at orientation, is designed to get you started early on developing your postgraduation plans.
• Twice-yearly Resume and Cover-Letter Writing Workshops, aimed at helping you prepare an effective legal resume, pay special attention to converting curriculum vitae (CVs) to the resume style preferred by U.S. legal employers.
• Interview and Networking Skills Workshops teach techniques for networking effectively and succeeding in an interview.
• LL.M. Alumni Panels bring LL.M. alumni living in the New York metropolitan area back to Cardozo to share their secrets of passing the bar and finding legal employment.

THE NEW YORK STATE BAR EXAM
Many of our students take the New York State bar exam after completing the LL.M. degree. Each year, we invite LL.M. alumni who have passed the New York State bar exam to share their insights and recommendations with current students. We also offer an optional course, Fundamentals of New York Law, which provides students with a review of U.S. legal doctrine, with special attention to the law of New York. Working with these subjects, students will hone skills required to identify legal issues and analyze and write bar-exam essays.

ALUMNI NETWORK
Cardozo’s LL.M. program boasts approximately 600 alumni from nearly 70 countries who are employed in large and small firms, corporations, and government, and in academia in the United States and abroad. These alumni are eager to share their knowledge and experiences with you.

“Cardozo’s Office of Career Services is very involved and engaged in helping each and every LL.M. student fulfill his or her professional goals. Having a designated LL.M. career counselor was very beneficial.”

TIMOR LAHAV, ISRAEL, LL.M. ’10
“Employing associates with a U.S. LL.M. and a first degree in law from a different country allows us to better serve our international clients and to expand our legal practice beyond our borders, which is increasingly important as the legal profession becomes more and more global in nature.”

MICHAEL BARZ, PARTNER, DLA PIPER
Experience the Cardozo Advantage:
Under One Roof

You’ll find everything you need at our 55 Fifth Avenue location. Our warm environment brings everything to you. The entire Law School has recently undergone a multifaceted, multimillion-dollar renovation, expansion, and upgrade. Virtually every floor and classroom has been modernized to provide for the latest state-of-the-art communication, multimedia equipment, and laptop use, with many areas offering wireless Internet access. The Kathryn O. and Alan C. Greenberg Center for Student Life provides students with a gracious, comfortable lounge and café.

The Dr. Lillian and Dr. Rebecca Chutick Law Library is the center of student and faculty research at Cardozo. Encompassing four floors of Cardozo’s building, the library holds more than 540,000 books, periodicals, microforms, and audio and video materials. It offers access to many law and law-related electronic resources and maintains an exceptionally comprehensive reference collection. The library is a selective federal depository, housing Congressional publications, executive agency reports and documents, and judicial materials.

AND JUST DOWN THE STREET...
Cardozo’s residence hall, The Alabama, is a stately historic building dating from 1902, located one block from the Law School on an attractive, tree-lined street. Newly renovated, it accommodates approximately 120 students in studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom furnished apartments.
New York City Is **Cardozo’s Campus**

Our Greenwich Village location offers access to the legal, business, financial, and cultural centers of the United States. Brimming with action and the most diverse and eye-popping street life anywhere in the world, the city has cultural institutions that are unsurpassed, including the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, Broadway, and world-famous museums. Innovative works in theater, dance, music, and art constantly debut on New York stages and in galleries all over the city. Thousands of law firms, businesses, financial institutions, government offices, courthouses, and not-for-profit and social justice organizations beckon; unique externship opportunities are at your doorstep. For a student studying law, the combination of extensive legal and cultural opportunities makes New York City the ideal place to be.

“I was ripe for graduate school after practicing and teaching in Manila and could not think of a better place to do it than the center of commercial, legal, and cultural life—New York City. If you have only one year to study abroad, New York City is THE place to do it!”

LICELLE COBRADOR, PHILIPPINES, LL.M. ’08
ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

Graduates of U.S. Law Schools
Applicants to the LL.M. program must hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited four-year college or university or its equivalent and a first degree in law from an ABA-approved law school. Students must have demonstrated academic excellence in both degrees and/or in law practice. A demonstrated interest in the field, professional background, and relevant course work will also be considered.

Graduates of International Law Schools
International applicants must hold a degree that entitles them to practice law in a country outside the United States, such as a J.D., LL.B., or an equivalent degree, and have a proven record of academic excellence. A demonstrated interest in the field, professional background, and relevant course work will also be considered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

LL.M. students are admitted in the fall and spring semesters.

Deadline for fall semester: June 15
Deadline for spring semester: December 1

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Each term, Cardozo School of Law identifies exemplary full-time LL.M. applicants who have demonstrated superior academic achievement in law school and in their profession, and awards them partial merit scholarships.

• The Cardozo LL.M. Scholarship for Dispute Resolution and Advocacy
• The Dean’s Merit Scholarship
• The Distinguished LL.M. Scholar Award
• The Milgat Uriel & Caroline Bauer LL.M. Scholarship

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cardozo.yu.edu/LLMAAdmissions

If you have any questions, we’re here to answer them. Contact the Office of Admissions at 212.790.0274 or by email at llm@yu.edu.

Application materials should be sent to:
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Office of Admissions
LL.M. Programs
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New York, NY 10003-4391

“From the very beginning of the application process, Cardozo was responsive to my questions. That open communication was very important to me.”

SARU CHITSA, ZIMBABWE, LL.M. ’11

“Cardozo’s LL.M. program offers twice-yearly entry dates. Not many schools offer this. Professionals especially appreciate such added flexibility in starting options.”

NADER KARAMA, GERMANY, LL.M. ’11
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